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**PATENT APPLICATION**

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

Takaaki SHIRAI et al.

Group Art Unit: 2852

Application No.: 10/751,414

Examiner: R. WALSH

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For: COPYING MACHINE AND COPYING METHOD

**RESPONSE TO NOTICE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.121**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In reply to the Notice Under 37 C.F.R. §1.121 mailed on December 22, 2005, and the  
Amendment filed December 12, 2005, please consider the following: